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This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The decision by the Board of Appeals of February 28, 2005 affirmed the rejection of 1-3, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 16, 21, 22, 24, 26-28, 30-32, 35, 36, 49, 52, 53, 55 and 58 as obvious over Oliver.

However, the rejection of claims 4-6, 19, 20, 33, 34, 37-44, 47, 48, 50, 51, 54, 56 and 57 was reversed.

Applicant is required to cancel the rejected claims and to rewrite claims 4-6, 19, 20, 33, 34, 37-44, 47, 48, 50, 51, 54, 56 and 56 in independent form.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Exparte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elli Peselev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0659. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00-4.30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Wilson can be reached on (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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